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LIMITATIONS OF THE HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS—EMINENT DOMAIN.

The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in *Attorney-General v. Williams*, 55 N. E. 77, affirms the power of the Legislature to limit the height of buildings for new purposes and on new grounds. The problem was to preserve the beauty of Copley Square, a public park, and save as much light and air as possible to the Boston Public Library, the Museum of Fine Arts, Trinity Church, the New Old South Church, the Second Church of Boston, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which abut on this square. A statute was passed limiting to ninety feet the height of all buildings so abutting. St. 1898 c. 452.

Exclusive of the war-power which may be said to arise from the changed status of the government, the power inherent in every sovereignty to regulate, restrict, or terminate the enjoyment of property by its owner is comprised under three heads, *taxation, police, eminent domain*. The first cannot operate solely upon a single individual, its burdens must be proportionate, and no specific property may be taken except upon failure of the owner to